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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION) DOCKET NO.
On Its Own Motion) 05-0746
)
-vs-)
MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY)
)
Reconciliation of revenues)
collected under gas adjustment)
charges with actual costs)
prudently incurred.)

Springfield, Illinois
September 27, 2006

Met, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 A.M.

BEFORE:

MR. JOHN ALBERS, Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

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4 (Appearing on behalf of Accounting
Department of the Financial Division of
5 the Illinois Commerce Commission)

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2	WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	REDIRECT RECROSS
3	PHILIP BARNHARD			
4	By Mr. Bramlet	12		
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11	EXHIBITS	MARKED	ADMITTED	
12	Mt. Carmel 1.0 Revised	e-Docket	16	
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PROCEEDINGS

(Whereupon Mt. Carmel Exhibit 2.0
was marked for identification.)

JUDGE ALBERS: By the authority vested in me by
the Illinois Commerce Commission I now call Docket
Number 05-0746. This docket concerns the
reconciliation of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company's
purchased gas adjustment clause.

May I have the appearances for the record,
please.

MR. BRAMLET: Appearing on behalf of Mt. Carmel
Public Utility Company, my name is Eric Bramlet. My
mailing address is Post Office Box 278, Mt. Carmel,
Illinois 62863. Telephone number 618/263-3502.

MR. MAPLE: Mark Maple, appearing on behalf of
the Engineering Department of the Energy Division of
the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol
Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701. My phone number
is 217/785-3403.

MR. OSTRANDER: Also appearing for the Staff,
Mike Ostrander of the Accounting Department of the
Financial Analysis Division of the Illinois Commerce

1 Commission. Business address is 527 East Capitol
2 Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. Zip is 62701.

3 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. Thank you.

4 Let the record reflect that there are no
5 others wishing to enter an appearance.

6 The purpose of today's hearing is to admit
7 into evidence any of the prefiled testimony.

8 With that, Mr. Bramlet, I'll let you call
9 your witness.

10 MR. BRAMLET: Thank you. And for the record
11 would you like to swear him in, Your Honor?

12 JUDGE ALBERS: Yes, please, as well as the
13 Staff witnesses. Would you all please stand and
14 raise your right hand.

15 (Whereupon the witnesses were sworn by
16 Judge Albers.)

17 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.

18 PHILIP BARNHARD
19 called as a witness on behalf of Mt. Carmel Public
20 Utility Company, having been first duly sworn, was
21 examined and testified as follows:

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. BRAMLET:

2 Q. Mr. Barnhard, would you please state your
3 full name and business address for the record.

4 THE WITNESS:

5 A. Philip Barnhard, P.O. Box 220,
6 Mt. Carmel, Illinois 62863. I forgot to mention
7 Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company as part of the
8 address. Phone number is 618/262-5151.

9 Q. Mr. Barnhard, did you file and prepare what
10 has been marked as revised written direct testimony
11 in this docket?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. And is that revised direct testimony marked
14 as Mt. Carmel Exhibit 1.0?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. And does Mt. Carmel Exhibit 1.0 include
17 Exhibits G-1 and G-2 along with the auditor's report
18 by Deloitte & Touche?

19 A. It does.

20 Q. Have you read the testimony of Mike
21 Ostrander marked as Staff Exhibit 1.0 in this docket?

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1 A. I have.

2 Q. Do you agree with the adjustments that Mr.
3 Ostrander made in his testimony correcting line 5 of
4 the proposed reconciliation schedule?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. And that would be that the specific
7 adjustments of the transportation cost being
8 overstated in the amount of \$472 for the month of
9 May?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Do you also agree that the PGA
12 reconciliation did require a Factor O refund of \$624?

13 A. I agree.

14 Q. With the acceptance of the adjustment by
15 Staff is Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company Exhibit
16 1.0 true and accurate to the best of your knowledge
17 and belief?

18 A. It is.

19 Q. You state in your direct testimony that by
20 the time of this hearing the public notice will have
21 been published in newspapers of general

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1 circulation in your company's territory and that
2 notice will have been posted in a prominent place in
3 your company's offices. Is that correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. Do you have before you copies of the public
6 notices and publishers' certificates which have been
7 marked as Mt. Carmel Exhibit 2.0?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. Were these notices published in newspapers
10 in general circulation in the company's service
11 territory?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was notice also posted in your company's
14 offices in a prominent place?

15 A. It was.

16 MR. BRAMLET: Your Honor, we'd move for
17 admission into evidence of Mt. Carmel Exhibits 1.0
18 and 2.0 and tender Mr. Barnhard as a witness for
19 cross-examination.

20 JUDGE ALBERS: Are there any questions for
21 Mr. Barnhard?

22 MR. MAPLE: No, Your Honor.

1 MR. OSTRANDER: No questions.

2 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Is there any objection to
3 the admission of the exhibits?

4 MR. MAPLE: No, Your Honor. Hearing no
5 objection, then Mt. Carmel Exhibit 1.0 Revised and
6 2.0 are admitted.

7 (Whereupon Mt. Carmel Exhibits 1.0
8 Revised and 2.0 were received into
9 evidence.)

10 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you, Mr. Barnhard.

11 Is there anything further from
12 Mt. Carmel?

13 MR. BRAMLET: We have nothing at this time,
14 Your Honor.

15 JUDGE ALBERS: Turning to Staff.

16 MR. OSTRANDER: Good morning, Your Honor. My
17 name is Mike Ostrander. I'm an accountant in the
18 Accounting Department of the Financial Analysis
19 Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

20 I have prepared a document entitled Direct
21 Testimony of Mike Ostrander that was identified as
22 ICC Staff Exhibit 1.0 in this case and

1 was filed on e-Docket on August 31, 2006.

2 This testimony consists of a cover page
3 and three pages of questions and answers and two
4 schedules. I have no additions, deletions, or
5 corrections to this previously filed testimony. If I
6 were asked the same questions today my answers would
7 be the same.

8 I offer that document for admission into
9 the record in this case.

10 JUDGE ALBERS: Are there any questions for
11 Mr. Ostrander?

12 MR. BRAMLET: No, Your Honor.

13 JUDGE ALBERS: Any objection to his exhibit?

14 MR. BRAMLET: No.

15 JUDGE ALBERS: Staff Exhibit 1.0 is admitted.

16 (Whereupon Staff Exhibit 1.0 was received
17 into evidence.)

18 JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Maple.

19 MR. MAPLE: My name is Mark Maple, and I am a
20 gas engineer in the Engineering Department of the
21 Energy Division of the Illinois Commerce
22 Commission.

1 I am presenting Staff Exhibit 2.0 entitled
2 the Direct Testimony of Mark Maple which was filed on
3 e-Docket on August 31, 2006. It consists of a cover
4 page and four pages of written testimony.

5 If I were asked the same questions today
6 my answers would be the same. I have no changes,
7 additions, or modifications to this exhibit.

8 I am offering Staff Exhibit 2.0 for
9 admittance into the record in this proceeding.

10 JUDGE ALBERS: Any questions for Mr. Maple?

11 MR. BRAMLET: Mt. Carmel has none.

12 JUDGE ALBERS: Any objection to the exhibit?
13 Do you have any objection to his exhibit?

14 MR. BRAMLET: No, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE ALBERS: Hearing no objection, then Staff
16 Exhibit 2.0 is admitted.

17 (Whereupon Staff Exhibit 2.0 was received
18 into evidence.)

19 JUDGE ALBERS: Is there anything further from
20 Staff?

21 MR. MAPLE: No, Your Honor.

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1 JUDGE ALBERS: I will just note that the only
2 exhibit not on e-Docket is Mt. Carmel Exhibit 2, and
3 given Mt. Carmel's acceptance of Staff's adjustment
4 there doesn't appear to be any contested issues in
5 this case and therefore I don't see any need for
6 briefs.

7 Is there anything that either party would
8 like to add?

9 MR. MAPLE: No, Your Honor.

10 MR. BRAMLET: No, Your Honor. Will you be
11 preparing an order or do you want me to do that?

12 JUDGE ALBERS: I planned on doing that unless
13 you feel strongly about doing it yourself.

14 MR. BRAMLET: Thank you very much, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE ALBERS: Are you declining?

16 MR. BRAMLET: Yes. Thank you for your
17 willingness to do that.

18 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. All right. Then if
19 there's nothing further then we'll mark the record
20 Heard and Taken.

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